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To: R6_DWH_Info@epa.gov
Subject: Fw: Oil Spill Creates Business For Pittsburgh-Area Cleanup Firms.
Date: 05/18/2010 09:08 AM

----- Forwarded by Myron Knudson/R6/USEPA/US on 05/18/2010 09:07 AM -----

Re: Fw: Fw: Oil Spill Creates Business For Pittsburgh-Area Cleanup Firms. [Link](#)



Myron Knudson

to: Minerva Rojo

05/18/2010 09:01 AM

That note below got me to thinking about if he put his product in a boom then he could sell it to BP since , it appears , we don't regulate booms. If we do regulate booms, then that is news to me. What is the word from our NCP Product Schedule folks?

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Minerva Rojo

to: Myron Knudson

05/17/2010 07:39 PM

See middle of string, msg. from Fakouri to Adm. Watson dated 5-14-10 for note about Coleman.

----- Original Message -----

From: Minerva Rojo
Sent: 05/17/2010 07:22 PM EDT
To: Myron Knudson

Subject: Re: Fw: Oil Spill Creates Business For Pittsburgh-Area Cleanup Firms.

I forwarded both e-mails you sent me to Nick Nichols, one of the managers for the NCP Product Schedule. I'll let you know when I hear back from him. MR.

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Date: 05/17/2010 07:04 PM
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I sent this to Chris in our Emergency Response Branch. He has not responded. He probably is waiting on Headquarters to tell the Region if something needs to be done but Headquarters is probably unaware since the company apparently doesn't need EPA advice or approval to sell their product. Just looked like a loop hole to me and I wanted to make sure that your folks knew of the loop hole that allows almost any product that floats to be placed in a boom and sold and placed in waters of the U.S. .

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Fw: Oil Spill Creates Business For Pittsburgh-Area Cleanup Firms.

Myron Knudson

to: Chris Petersen

05/14/2010 04:20 PM

Cc: Terry Burton, R6_DWH_Info

Go to bottom of this email first and then come back here.

If the person from Baton Rouge puts his product in a boom like the company, Universal Remediation, does any company have to have prior approval or can they just put it in a boom and deploy it? Maybe we don't regulate what is in a boom if it is a solid.

See email below:

Myron's email to Sam Coleman said:

My only advice to you is to have the NRT work with our dispersant approval folks to see if they have already done an evaluation of this type product and they would have the standard testing protocol already in place. If the military is using it, then they would have done some testing before using it. EPA Hdqts. should be able to respond.

Fw: request for oil spill clean up demonstration

Sam Coleman

to: Myron Knudson, Terry Burton

05/14/2010 01:40 PM

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Cc: <stevenosei@msn.com>
Date: 05/14/2010 01:33 PM
Subject: request for oil spill clean up demonstration

Dear Admiral Watson,

I received permission to reach out to you by Senator Ag Crowe from Louisiana earlier today for the purpose of arranging an oil clean up demonstration in Robert or an other location to be determined; with yourself and Samuel Coleman of the USEPA as well as our Louisiana Executive Leadership. The purpose is to showcase a naturally safe product that can clean the oil spill and toxic tar balls by breaking the hydrocarbon molecules down ultimately to co2 and water after the application of this product mixed with sea water. Note the tar balls will take longer due to the added chemical presence of dispersants

Simple induction spray application of the oil spill eater II product mixed with gulf waters be sprayed onto the oil surface which can over a short time render the contamination inert and non toxic, where it will then loose its adhesive properties and dissipate naturally as it remains on the waters surface (safe and inert) until it becomes co2 and water.

I have called your office as instructed and found out that you are indeed out where I was referred to LT Commander Funderburg with the Coast Guard.

I am in the process of communicating to him shortly after sending this email to you.

Note I have also reached out for Samuel Coleman who is also out, and I was referred to Don Williams. I will be attempting to contact each in accordance with the instructions of Senator Crowe. I have already emailed our states governor, his executive council and Mr.. Paul Rainwater.

My mission is to deliver to the incident command structure a proven oil spill clean up solution that is EPA-NCP approved. As of yesterday received its second review from the RRT. Presently, the RRT's review of this product hs resulted in it being push up to the NRT as of yesterday. Present review/approval Status unknown with the NRT. Also, the timeline is unknown by us. I have reached out to the main office of the EPA in Dallas for protocall. Presently this product is able to be utilized on shore as it is presently approved for.

The tar balls that have come ashore as of television reports this morning can be treated with this product and naturally be converted to Co2 and Water over time if

allowed. We can demonstrate this process to your command structure as well as the oil spill clean up when allowed.

This product is not a new product, but actually an old one that has been in service with all branches of our US Military, and is in present utilization with 30 foreign countries; cleaning up oil and hazardous spills on both land and at sea.

It is my desire to deliver it to the incident command for their review and approval with a demonstration if needed. We hope to deploy the product with its application timely to naturally irradiate oil contamination from our gulf region coastal zone before further irreversible damage is realized in our coastal waters.

Presences of toxic tar balls rolling ashore, also can be remediated with this product in a naturally safe manner like the crude oil, however the tar balls or oil globules will require more time to dissolve due to the presence of corexit 9527 or other dispersants used to form the oil globule.

Please acknowledge me back or have someone let us know when it will be possible to meet with a member of the Coast Guard.

I will be reaching out the EPA and Governors office as well so that such a meeting can occur timely, if at all possible.

Sincerely,
David Fa-Kouri
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From: davidfakouri@gmail.com

Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 12:01 PM

To: Paul Rainwater; stephen.waguespack@la.gov; bobby.jindal@la.gov; A. G. Crowe; Sreve Pedigo;
Chris Piehler; kevin@ind-tek.us; David Dysart; David Fakouri

Subject: Fwd: Toxic substance

FYI and request for meeting/demonstration

Of the EPA-ncp approved oil spill bioremediation product which was RRT approved yesterday and is awaiting NRT approval in Washington (oil spill eater II).

Product website. www.Osei.us

The proven product is used to treat the toxic oil on the water surface where it will break down the oil naturally back to co2 and water in 30 other countries

When used here after NRT final approval it will

Eliminate the toxins from our coastal zone all the way back to the oil rig site in our gulf waters by spray application when mixed with gulf water

OseII is Utilized by all branches of our us armed forced and 30 other countries to clean up oil spills both on land and sea

Toxic tar balls can be treated as well with the natural product and over time they to will be converted to co2 and water safely.

Not burned of huffed but cleaned up safely

No threat to our ecology

Time is critical

Call me back so we can get started, further show the approving authorities the application of the oil spill eater II on the oil slick, like St Bernard parish officials witnessed last Thursday

Stephen, Senator crowe recommended that I call you and arrange something due my requestand the last 11 days of discovery and approvals. He recommended also Others to be present should include rear Adm. James Watson and usepa official Samuel Coleman

I await you call or email.
David Fakouri

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "A. G. Crowe" <agc@agcrowe.com>

Date: May 14, 2010 9:12:14 AM CDT

To: David Fakouri <davidfakouri@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Toxic substance

....you certainly can call Steven to set something up and use my name as a reference in that I saw much of the vetting process of the product and that I referred you to the state folks who also went through some tests.....you can call the governor's office and ask for him....also you can call Rear Admiral James Watson at 7573986669 to set a time to meet at the Shell command center in Hammond.....I spoke with him yesterday and we talked about non-toxic solutions.....and lastly, you can talk with Samuel Coleman with the USEPA also in the Shell complex in Hammond, 2146656701. Please be aware that my primary concern is making sure that if anyone has a non-toxic solution out there, that I will do all I can to get them to the right people to address this clean up process asap.

Thanks,

A.G.

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Sent: Fri, May 14, 2010 7:33:12 AM

Subject: Re: Toxic substance

Good morning

What are the chances to have a meeting with

Mr wagenspack and the governor and the coast guard and bpwith deq present

Time is running out before oil in the region causes irreversable damage.

Can we arrange a high level meeting-demonstration with oseII

May 3rd we started this

Today is may 14

This product is the solution for protecting our coastal marches and waters by the very properties it possesses with its simple application.

Enough is enough. I am greatly concerned.

AG. You have done great things but tar balls are here

Please get with me

I truly feel that this meeting-demonstration is necessary to end the confusion and start taking charge with respect cleaning this oil from our coastal zone

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On May 13, 2010, at 9:57 PM, "A. G. Crowe" <agc@agcrowe.com> wrote:

yes

From: David Fakouri <davidfakouri@gmail.com>

To: A. G. Crowe <agc@agcrowe.com>

Sent: Thu, May 13, 2010 9:56:16 PM

Subject: Re: Toxic substance

Thank you. Did you get my email earlier

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On May 13, 2010, at 9:00 PM, "A. G. Crowe" <agc@agcrowe.com> wrote:

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From: Nicholas Cahanin <Cahaninn@GOV.STATE.LA.US>

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Sent: Thu, May 13, 2010 5:12:16 PM

Subject: Toxic substance

See below

From: Frank Collins

To: Nicholas Cahanin

Sent: Thu May 13 17:10:49 2010

Subject:

DHH, DEQ, LDWF Secretaries Send Letter to BP outlining concerns, requesting BP Release Information on Dispersants

BATON ROUGE (May 8, 2010) - Secretary Alan Levine of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Peggy Hatch, and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Robert Barham sent a letter to British Petroleum today outlining their concerns related to potential dispersant impact on Louisiana's wildlife and fisheries, environment and public health. Officials are also requesting BP release information on the effects of the dispersants they are using to combat the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The full text of the letter is below.

May 7, 2010

Mr. Tony Hayward
Chief Executive Officer
British Petroleum

Dear Mr. Hayward:

The BP-Transocean drilling incident and resulting oil spill has created massive challenges for BP, the federal government and for the State of Louisiana. We all agree with the primary goal of protecting our sensitive coastal areas and the health and safety of our people. We encourage you to continue making these issues the priority.

As heads of Louisiana's agencies that oversee public health, environmental quality and wildlife and fisheries, including the commercial seafood and oyster industry, we have serious concerns about the lack of information related to the use of dispersants in fighting the oil spill at and below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, and what, if any, impact the dispersants could have on our people, water and air quality, as well as the wildlife, fisheries and vegetation of Louisiana's coastline and wetlands.

It is important we better understand the science behind the use of these chemicals. Our fishing industry will have much work to do to rebuild its brand when the oil spill is finally contained. We must be able to assure the public of the safety and reliability of our seafood product, and must be able to ensure the viability of wildlife and vegetation along our coast. To do so, we must have a better understanding of the potential impact and consequences of the use of these dispersants. Some specific questions include:

- What are the acute short-term health risks for humans and wildlife in proximity of the areas to which dispersants are being applied, with respect to the mode of delivery and concentrations being used?
- What are the potential long-term effects on humans and wildlife in areas where dispersants are applied?
- What is the expected timeframe for the return of wildlife to pre-event levels?
- What is the effect of dispersants on the oil and how is dispersant-treated oil expected to move through Gulf waters, and what is the expected impact on seafood harvest areas to which the dispersant treated oil may have traveled?

We also have longer-term questions and concerns that need to be addressed:

- What is the half-life of the dispersant chemicals in the marine environment?
- What is BP's plan to monitor the impact of dispersants on the environment, people, and wildlife over time?
- What resources will BP make available to restore the wetlands and fisheries that may be harmed by the dispersants?

Three days ago, in a Unified Command Group meeting that included a BP representative, Secretary Barham requested studies to support usage of the dispersants. As of now, the state has not received the requested information. We are again requesting data, analysis and studies of the effects of oil spill dispersants used, and most importantly, a BP commitment that the dispersants being used to fight the oil spill will not cause irreparable, short-term or long-term harm to our wetlands, coast, environment, marine life, wildlife or people. Please submit to us (1) any reports, studies or data either in BP's possession or conducted by BP on the impact of dispersants, and (2) any plans BP has to assist Louisiana in mitigating any negative effects on our environment, health, wildlife and fisheries.

The state is committed to ensuring a long-term solution is put in place to provide the public with confidence in the safety of our products. Our state and seafood industry must have a long-term commitment from BP to establish and sustain an initiative to ensure this is the case.

We look forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,
 Alan Levine
 Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
 Peggy Hatch
 Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
 Robert Barham
 Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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 Lisa Jackson, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 Thomas Frieden, M.D., M.P.H., Director, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 Margaret Hamburg, M.D., Commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

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Oil Spill Creates Business For Pittsburgh-Area Cleanup Firms.

Myron Knudson

to: Terry Burton

05/14/2010 03:26 PM

Is this an approved product to be placed in the booms and spread on the water?

Oil Spill Creates Business For Pittsburgh-Area Cleanup Firms.

The [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) (5/12, Schwartzel) reported, "The Gulf of Mexico oil spill has clean-up crews and oil executives sweating." But as Universal Remediation CEO, Ray Tarasi "has never seen demand like this for his company's oil-sucking containment tool, the BioBoom." Workers "are working around the clock, orders elsewhere have been curtailed," and the company "already plans to rent another facility in the next three months to keep up with demand." Some other Pittsburgh-area firms are also

"watching the spreading crisis from the vantage point of players in the oil technology field who may either work to prevent a spill or step in once one occurs." According to some estimates, there are "300 waste remediation and management firms in the region. The Gulf spill could keep them busy for a while."

The [Pittsburgh Business Times](#) (5/13, Mamula) notes that Universal Remediation "received an order for 200 miles of containment boom, Tarasi said. The company was scheduled to ship 10 to 15 tons of its hydrocarbon-devouring product this week." Universal Remediation's "primary product is a nutrient that feeds microbes that feed on petroleum, rendering it harmless within a few months. The product is packed in booms and socks or sprinkled loose on the water surface, where it floats and combines with oil."